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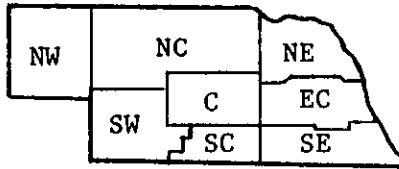

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WEATHER

Temperatures generally averaged above normal with the warmest temperatures reported over the western section of the State. Rainfall occurred the latter portion of the period with the Panhandle averaging little or no precipitation while up to .35 was reported southeast. However, an isolated thunderstorm and shower brought 2.56 inches to the Omaha area.

GENERAL

Fall harvest continued to advance well in most areas of the State due to the cool, dry weather. Slowdown of harvesting activities in some areas was caused by a lack of storage or drying space or allowing crops to further "field dry." Topsoil moisture supplies declined slightly this past week and are now adequate in 80% of the counties reporting and short in 20%. Subsoil moisture supplies also declined slightly to 86% adequate and 14% short. This compares to a year ago when topsoil was 68% short and subsoil was 91% short.

CROPS

Corn harvest continued to make good progress with 55% of the acreage harvested to date, the same as a year ago

CROPS (Cont.)

but 10% ahead of normal. Many farmers continue to harvest as quickly as possible to minimize ear loss due to corn borer.

Grain sorghum harvest is also moving along well with the near ideal harvesting weather. Over 65% of the crop has been harvested compared with 85% a year ago. Normally, about 70% has been harvested by this time.

Soybean harvest advanced steadily as nearly 70% of the crop is harvested. This compares with a year ago at 90% and normal at 75%.

Sugar beet harvest is in full swing in the western portion of the State and is over 50% completed.

Winter wheat is reportedly planted and growing adequately at this time. Most of the wheat acreage is in good condition.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are rated adequate or better in 97% of the counties reporting. A year ago only 14% reported adequate supplies. Producers continue to move cattle to stalk fields or look for cattle to glean fields.

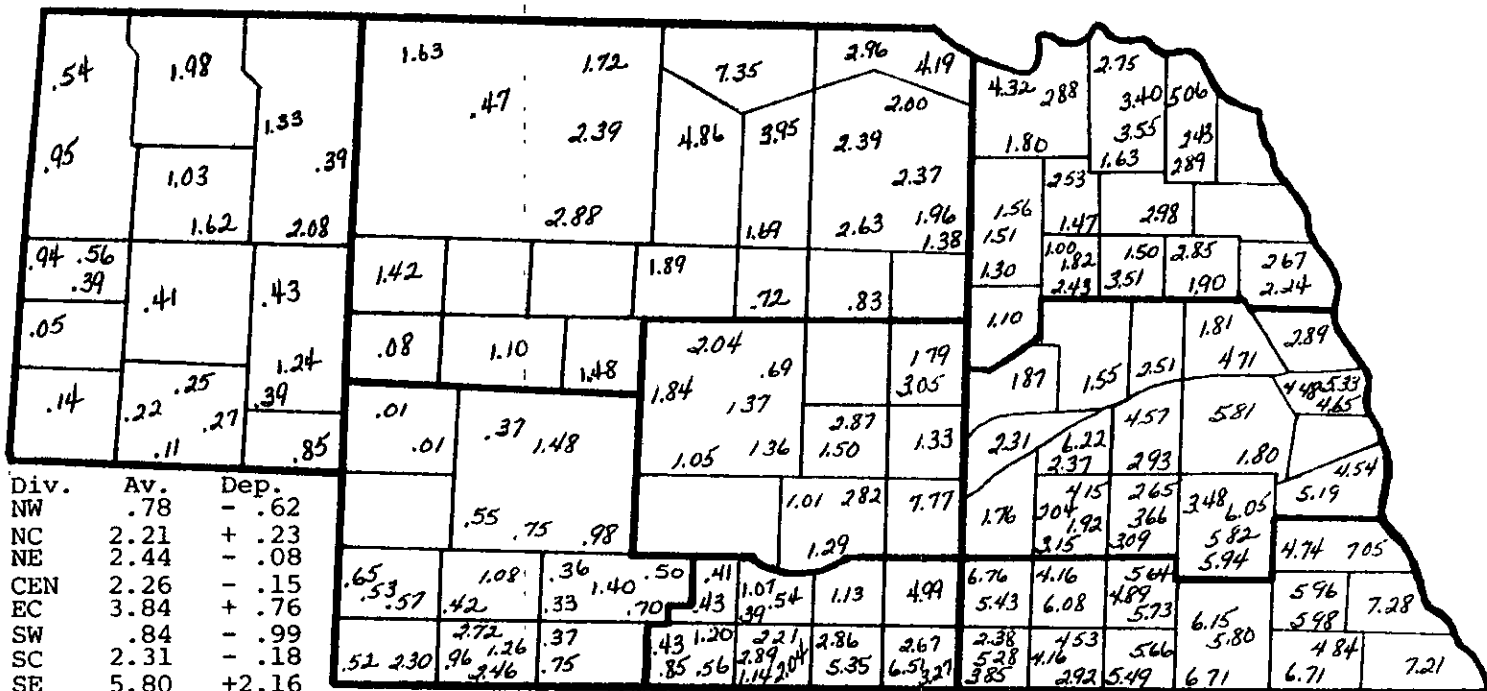
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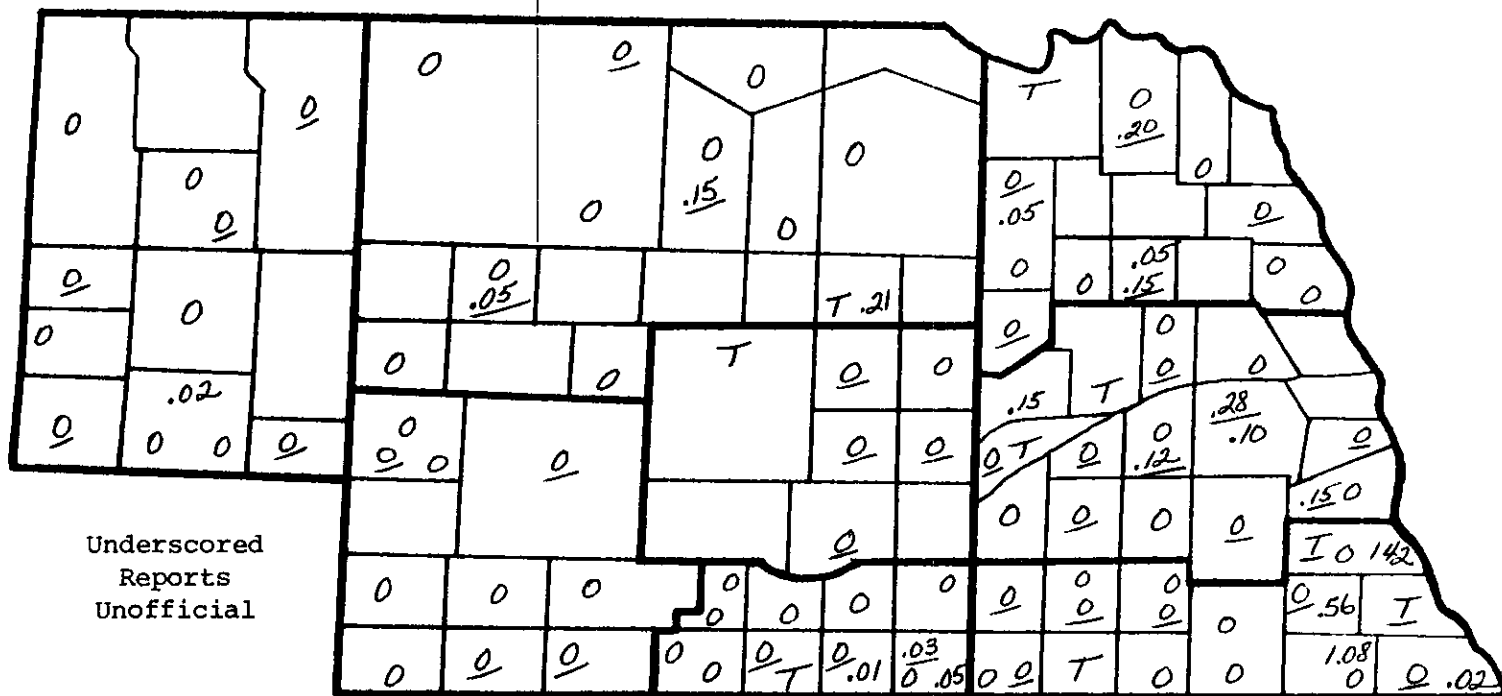


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1977 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1977



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1977

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	85	30	53	--	T
	Scottsbluff	83	30	53	+4	0
	Sidney	81	29	53	--	--
NC	Burwell	79	29	51	--	.15
	Valentine	82	30	51	+2	.02
NE	Norfolk	77	31	52	+1	.30
	Sioux City	77	31	52	0	.25
CEN	Grand Island	77	32	53	+1	.17
EC	Lincoln	76	31	52	-2	.25
	Omaha	75	38	53	0	2.56
SW	Imperial	85	31	53	--	0
	North Platte	82	28	52	+2	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.